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Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—" With reference to the answer to clause (b), may I know why the travelling allowance of the panchayat officers should be debited to general account instead of the village development account? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" Government considered it sufficient if the salary is debited to the Village Development Fund, and that the other expenses to the general resources of the district board."

Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—" Is not the panchayat officer working in the rural areas and village panchayats, and does not sit in office at the headquarters? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" It is so, but the district boards also have certain duties to perform in rural areas."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" While the pay of these officers is being met out of the development fund, why not their travelling allowance also be debited to that fund? "

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I have just answered that question."

Medical Administration

Management of Taluk Headquarters Hospitals by Government.

* 616 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the proposal of the Government to take charge of taluk headquarters hospitals was given effect to; and

(b) if so, when will the Cumbum taluk headquarters hospital be taken up by the Government?

A.—(a) & (b).—The Government have had under consideration the question as to whether local bodies should continue to maintain the taluk headquarter medical institutions which are now under their control or whether the Government should provincialize them. In view of the existing financial stringency and the proposal to abolish taluk boards they have decided to drop the further consideration of the question.

Lady doctor for the Kasaragod taluk.

* 617 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been made to the Government that a very large section of the women of the Kasaragod taluk in South Kanara district who observe gosha system find it difficult to get medical aid as there is no woman doctor in the whole taluk, not even in the headquarters hospital at Kasaragod;

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(b) whether there is any proposal before the Government to appoint a woman doctor at the Kasaragod taluk headquarters hospital; and

(c) whether they are aware that the woman doctor appointed for the Puttur taluk headquarters hospital sits and sees patients in the same room and at the same table along with the other medical man?

A.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Yes; because the out-patient block of the hospital is a small one. The examination of women patients is, however, done by the woman doctor in the female dressing room.

Restrictions on the issue of medical certificates by L.I.M. certificate holders.

* 618 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the members of the staff of Government School of Indian Medicine, Madras, are authorized to issue medical certificates to Government servants, but that the students who pass from the same school and hold certificates of L.I.M. are not allowed to do the same; and

(b) if so, on what grounds?

A.—(a) & (b).—Medical certificates granted to Government servants by the members of the staff of the Indian Medical School can be accepted only if the members—

(i) have registered their names under the Medical Registration Act (IV of 1914), or

(ii) are holders of the diploma of Licentiate in Indian Medicine and have their names registered under the rules for the registration of practitioners of Indian medicine approved by the Government.

Certificates granted by L.I.Ms. to Government servants examined or treated by them may be accepted if the L.I.Ms. have registered their names under the rules referred to in (ii) above.

Public Health

Progress of the scheme for the supply of drinking water from the Mettur reservoir to Salem.

* 619 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the scheme for the supply of drinking water to Salem Municipality from Mettur reservoir is;

(b) what the proposals are which the Government made to the municipality;

(c) whether the municipality of Salem has accepted the proposals;